The Lord Does Not Call Us to Miracles, but to Follow Him

Lord Jesus does not call us to perform miracles but calls us to follow the path of self-denial and humility, living as He lived in His relationship with His Father - a simple and mandatory approach for any person. This is a call to a way of life that anyone can adopt, regardless of personal conditions or context.

Many of us have been taught to admire everything Lord Jesus did and His way of being. But, at the same time, we have been misled to believe that His traits - righteousness, long-suffering, meekness, kindness, mercy, and love - are inaccessible to us. This erroneous conception stems from Satan’s intention to divert us from the true purpose of creation, which is to become like the citizens of the Kingdom.

It is a widespread conception that Lord Jesus lived at a divine level, which is unattainable for humans, and that, because of this, it is impossible for us to follow Him, allowing us to remain in human weaknesses. This view leads to a passive acceptance of human imperfections, ignoring the need for spiritual growth and transformation.

Often, when discussing the life of Lord Jesus, special emphasis is placed on the miracles He performed, things that seem inaccessible to the ordinary man. There is a temptation, amplified by the deceptions of Satan and his servants, to believe that a life of full obedience to God seems impossible in this life, as if it were destined exclusively for the “afterlife.”

Many appreciate Him for His miracles, but few are interested in knowing and living according to the way He lived in His relationship with His Father. This situation is presented to us by the teaching that says: to reach the heavenly paradise, the forgiveness of sins is sufficient. Thus, self-denial, humility, godliness, and other character traits of the Lord are today ignored and despised by most people.

However, Scripture clearly urges us to follow the life model of Lord Jesus. As 1 John 2:6 says, “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.” This is a call to action, emphasizing that, although we cannot perform the physical miracles of Christ, we can aspire to live like Him.

In our endeavor to align with the model of Christ, similar to starting primary school, we step with zero initial knowledge into a spiritual “factory” where the standard is divine perfection. In this place, all the pieces, starting with Him as the Model, then the tools used in the “technological process,” and up to the One who directs the entire manufacturing process - are in a state of perfection.

In this profound spiritual framework, Christ is at the center of our transformation process, being the perfect Model after which we are shaped. We, as spiritually newborns, are continuously processed and formed to reach the standard of perfection of the prototype, established by God.

This process is of divine origin, where every component and stage is meticulously aligned with the absolute ideal of perfection. To better understand the steps we must follow, we will take a practical example from everyday life.

To achieve performance in a specific field, such as computerized cardiac surgery, we must start by renouncing our own opinions on how a heart intervention could be performed and accept the knowledge of a specialist in the field.

The relationship between us and the specialist surgeon should be based on mutual respect and trust, similar to the bond between an apprentice and his teacher, where the apprentice is fully dedicated to the teachings of his mentor.

This relationship should be similar to the situation where someone is completely devoted and subject to the guidance of a higher authority, renouncing their own will and freedom of decision. Therefore, it involves strict adherence to the mentor's guidance, even when we cannot fully appreciate or understand them in their complete depth.

As we progress and become more like the one who teaches us, when we are invited to participate in an operation alongside the surgeon, it is imperative to strictly follow all instructions. Any deviation, even minor, can have serious consequences, endangering the patient's life. Therefore, accuracy and attention to detail are of vital importance at the end of this process.

Similarly, in our transformation process, Lord Jesus can be considered a perfect guide who knows in detail every stage of this process. As the first goer and supreme example, in His profound relationship with the heavenly Father, He personally went through these stages and left us an example to follow. The true transformation of our character can only take place by following His behavior.

Just as in the complex field of computer-assisted cardiac surgery, where it is necessary to abandon old knowledge to embrace new technology, in the divine process of spiritual transformation, a new beginning requires renouncing personal opinions. Another step we must take in this divine "workshop" is to manifest profound humility towards God. This means submission and sincere obedience to the instructions that are vital for the transformation of our character. Then we are called to submit our will, following the model of Jesus Christ, who showed through His life this

total submission. In His subordination to the Father, Lord Jesus was the perfect example of self-denial, humility, and devotion, resembling an obedient servant in all things.

The behavior of Christ, such as self-denial, humility, and strict obedience, may seem in contradiction with the values promoted by modern society, which often glorifies maintaining personal opinions and pride.

These qualities are visible upon careful examination of His life, reflecting how living in these virtues can lead to a profound state of rest and inner peace. By living in these qualities, Lord Jesus showed that it is possible to live in rest and inner peace, even in the face of the greatest challenges and sufferings.

It is vital to understand that only by adopting these qualities will we progress in our spiritual growth, until we reach the stature of Christ. This call is reinforced by the promise that submission will guide us towards likeness to Christ, as Psalm 25:9 says: “The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.”

To understand our spiritual path, we will carefully analyze this behavior which, although misunderstood by most, characterized the life of our Model. In this process of spiritual transformation, the first step is renouncing our own ideas. This stage constitutes the fundamental starting point, marking a departure from the dark past, to follow a path guided by Lord Jesus.

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